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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MARR UN XF

SUBJ: ISRAELI DISPUTE WITH UN OVER CHECK POINTS

1. BENNETT TOOK CALL FROM SYG 1:25 P.M. LOCAL NOVEMBER 12 SYG STATED THERE WAS "FIRST TROUBLE" ON CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD. HE READ FROM SIILASVUO REPORT JUST RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS:

A. AT END OF THIS MORNING'S MEETING AT KILOMETER 101,
SIILASVUO ANNOUNCED HE WAS ORDERING FINNISH CONTINGENT
TO TAKE OVER TWO CHECK-POINTS ON CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD IN ACCORD WITH PARA 5 OF AGREEMENT, UN ESTABLISHED CHECK-POINT AT KILOMATER
101 AT 1330Z.

B. AT 1505Z UN ESTABLISHED CHECK-POINT AT KILOMETER 119.

C. AT 1510Z ISRAELIS THREATENED USE OF FORCE TO REMOVE

UN CHECK-POINT AND GAVE FINNISH CONTINGENT FIFTEEN

MINUTES TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY.

D. THIS DEADLINE WENT BY BUT AT 1554Z ISRAELIS "INVADED

AREA" AND OVERTURNED UN FLAG AND TENT. THEY

THREATENED TO BURN TENT AND OTHER UN EQUIPMENT.

E. AT 1615Z ISRAELIS STARTED LOADING UN EQUIPMENT

INTO THEIR TRUCKS.

F. THE FINNISH CONTINGENT REMAINS ON SITE, STANDING CONFIDENTIAL

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BY. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM REPORT WHETHER SIILASVUO HIMSELF IS WITH THEM.

2. SYG, IN HIGHLY INDIGNANT MOOD, ASSERTED THAT "IF

ISRAELIS CONTINUE THIS KIND OF HARASSMENT," HE WILL GIVE ORDERS TO UN FORCE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. IF UN TROOPS ATTACKED BY ISRAELIS, THEY WILL SHOOT IN SELF DEFENSE.

3. AT END OF THIS CONVERSATION ANOTHER REPORT FROM SIILASVUO WAS HANDED TO SYG. SIILASVUO REPORTED THAT HE HAD PASSED ABOVE INFORMATION TO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT THROUGH UNTSO AT JERUSALEM AND HAD STRONGLY PROTESTED "UNWARRANGED ATTACK." SCALI

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